



Macedonia

Advising Center Network

The American Corners in Skopje and Bitola offer a wide range of services, including access to the resource library, individual counseling, outreach programs, presentations offered by guest speakers, free internet access, and joint activities with partner organizations such as ELTAM (English Language Teachers' Association of Macedonia) and MAAA (Macedonian American Alumni Association).

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -4.7%

- ▶ Macedonian student enrollments in US institutions have been in decline (-4.7% compared to the previous year). This is due to increasing competition from EU countries, which are offering appealing programs and easier access to a complete education package.
- ▶ The limited number of scholarships and other forms of financial aid available to students from this region is a major concern for the students.
- ▶ Students are attracted by outreach seminars where they have the opportunity to talk to guest speakers, as well as with the EducationUSA advisers.
- ▶ Popular fields of study: international relations, business, and the arts.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: soccer, basketball, handball.

Resource Links

EducationUSA Advising Centers: http://skopje.usembassy.gov/american_corner_bitola.html
Macedonian Ministry of Education: www.mon.gov.mk/en/home

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Macedonian	Macedonian, English
Years of study required:	3-4 years	3-5 years
Grading system	5 = A	10 = A
& US equivalent:	4 = B	9 = B
	3 = C	8 = C+
	2 = D	7 = C-
	1 = F	6 = D
		5 = F
Scholarship for US studies:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Councils P4L — Partnerships for Learning Undergraduate Program • Open Society Institute Undergraduate Exchange Program

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

The Advising Centers plan to publish an EducationUSA newsletter, which will be circulated among their members. A series of outreach seminars will take place at the universities in Macedonia and will address topics such as undergraduate and graduate studies in the USA, standardized tests, scholarship opportunities, and how to write a successful motivation letter, CV and essay. The advisers will involve the US Office of Public Affairs and US Fulbrighters in a series of panel discussions.

Partnering with EducationUSA Macedonia

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Macedonia to discuss partnership and outreach opportunities.

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Program Highlights 2007

Outreach on Student Visas

On October 3, 2007 American Corner Bitola organized a presentation with guest presenter James Catto, Consular Officer from the US Embassy Skopje. Mr. Catto provided the audience of over 70 people with practical information pertaining to student visas. The presentation was a perfect opportunity for students interested in US study opportunities to receive first hand information from a consular officer about the rules and regulations, as well as about the EducationUSA center in their city.



Outreach to High Schools Students

A presentation on "Undergraduate Study in the United States" was offered on September 27 for current high school students interested in pursuing higher education in the US. Advisers provided basic information on researching schools, the application process, standardized tests, and other admissions requirements. Advising resource materials were displayed for the students, and they were also given the opportunity to use the computers for browsing the EducationUSA website.



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy, Public Affairs Section
- ▶ All local high schools and faculties
- ▶ Youth Educational Forum

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	362	345
Total number of center inquiries:	550	605